

# ST JOSEPH ON THE RIO GRANDE



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

“Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.” – Jn 14:23

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 5, 2022

- Sunday:** *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39  
*Extended Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39  
*Day:* Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26
- Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 6, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
- Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 5:13-16
- Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday:** 1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-26
- Friday:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Mt 5:27-32
- Saturday:** Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mt 5:33-37
- Next Sunday:** Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

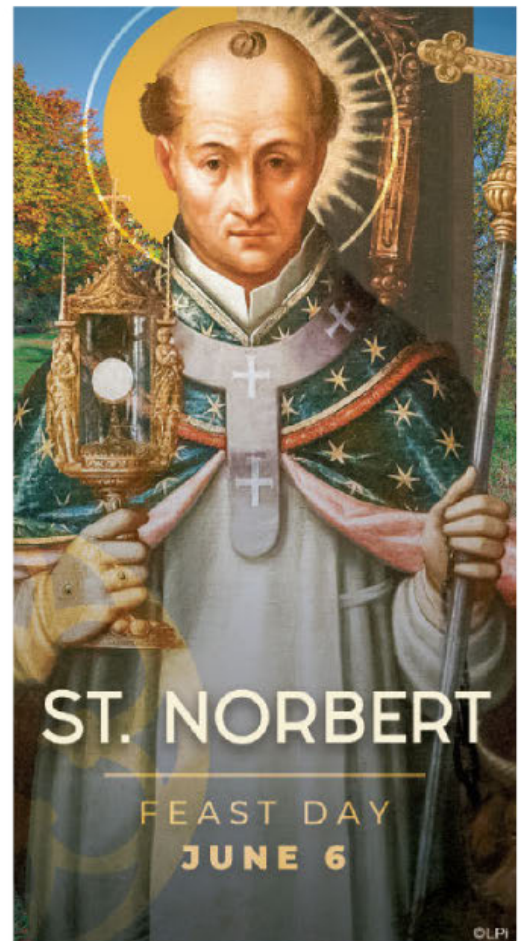
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 5, 2022

- Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday; St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
- Monday:** Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; St. Norbert, Bishop
- Thursday:** St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** St. Barnabas, Apostle
- Next Sunday:** The Most Holy Trinity

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

St. Josemaría Escrivá tell us, "To live according to the Holy Spirit means to live by faith and hope and charity. To allow God to take possession of our lives and to change our hearts, to make us resemble him more and more." Today we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit given freely by God to us. The Holy Spirit is the very breath of God and the true source of our power and strength. When we accept that God is the beginning and the end of all things, we open ourselves to receiving this powerful presence. The Holy Spirit alone is the one who teaches us how to pray, who stirs us to lift our eyes to heaven in search of our Creator and opens them to recognize the wonderful gifts of faith, hope, and love God gives us. The Holy Spirit is the one who teaches us how to understand ourselves, God, others, and the world. When we allow God's Own breath to truly take possession of us, we realize that we are meant to become like God and know Him as He really is. This ultimate helper lifts our eyes from what is below to what is above and empowers us to live life with joy and keener vision!



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

Born to nobility, St. Norbert of Xanten, was ordained as a subdeacon and served in the court of Henry V, Emperor of Germany, however, at court it was easy to be distracted by wealth, power and luxury and he lived a worldly and corrupt life there. By the grace of God while traveling in a storm he was nearly struck by lightning and almost killed. This experience changed St. Norbert and he became penitent, left his court post, and after a period of discernment in a monastery, felt called to be a priest.

Norbert became an itinerant preacher, preaching against worldly attitudes but at the Pope's request finally settled in northern France and founded the Norbertine order established according to the rule of St. Augustine. The order grew rapidly and soon founded women's branch. Norbert traveled and preached across Germany where he also founded a lay branch of the Norbertines. In Belgium he preached against heresies which denied the Blessed Sacrament.

Eventually he was made Archbishop of Magdeburg, Germany, and later he traveled to Rome in support of Pope Innocent II, against the antipope. Afterward he returned to Germany to court of Emperor Lothar as advisor, at end of life, in failing health, St. Norbert was carried back to Magdeburg where he died.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday June 6th, 2022

9:00 am

- ✝ Alberto Ortiz
- ✝ Krishauna Perez

### Tuesday June 7th, 2022

9:00 am

No intentions

### Wednesday June 8th, 2022

9:00 am

- ✝ Arabella Lujan

### Thursday June 9th, 2022

9:00 am

- ✝ Ramon and Florela Silva

### Friday June 10th, 2022

9:00 am

- ✝ Joe Kathrein
- ✝ Helen Padilla
- Antonia Cordero (birthday)

### Saturday June 11th, 2022

5:00 pm

- ✝ Joe Ben, Simon, and Demetrio Barela
- ✝ Benedicto Meléndez
- ✝ Carmeline Shangler

### Sunday June 12th, 2022

8:00 am

For the People

10:00 am

- ✝ Ila Farris
- ✝ Donald and Ronald Bruckner
- ✝ Krishauna Perez

12:00 pm

- ✝ Dora Maestas
- ✝ Juan, Stella, and George Maestas
- The Most Holy Trinity (in thanksgiving for prayers answered)

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Even though Pentecost is rightly celebrated in late spring, the robust experience of a New England fall can provide a profound metaphor for reflection. A full expression of fall colors is beautiful to behold. But, with all of its majesty and beauty, the observer knows the experience of death is soon to come. Creation will be dark and barren for a while. Pentecost cannot be separated from the cross. Before God's transformative, life-giving power can bear fruit, we must first die.

Pentecost is all about leaving the lifeless dead wood behind and allowing God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to create something new. These Pentecost creations happen repeatedly over and over again. The birthing process of the Church is ongoing. God is always bringing life out of death and creating something where there was once nothing. That is why the fall is such an apropos metaphorical season for Pentecost. In order to really receive the gift of the Holy Spirit we have to die to what we once knew and what no longer works.

When fire and wind find their fullest expression, they are in no way gentle nor kind. They have the potential to level anything in their paths. We are experiencing great turmoil in our world, nation, and our Church. Whether the result of circumstance or the work of the Holy Spirit, much of what we knew to be normal and constant is changing. Common systems and institutional structures that may have worked for a time no longer do. When the old and familiar need to be left behind, God creates something new. Change and disorder do not need to be our enemies. They always bring opportunities for something exciting and new. What we need is untiring faith, firm hope, and perfect love.

What we need is for the Holy Spirit to enlighten us to see what is important and what we must do. "O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams." (St. Augustine) If we experience joy, even in the midst of turbulence, then we will know we are exactly where God needs us to be. If not, then perhaps there is a lesson in the decaying leaves that graciously descend to the ground on a crisp fall day.

# LITURGICAL LIFE

## RESPONDING *to the Call*

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

##### Do You Speak Stewardship?

If you are married, I'm guessing that you know the best way to break bad news to your spouse, whether you realize it or not. Maybe it's simply that you know not to talk about the budget after your wife's football team has lost. Maybe you know your husband will take the news that your sister is coming to stay a little easier if you tell him over his favorite dinner. We do the same thing with our children, our friends, our coworkers — we have all learned the language of the people we love.

The truth is the same in every language, but it's important for us to convey that truth graciously. That's what Pentecost teaches us. The gift of being able to speak in tongues afforded the Apostles a practical skill to spread the Gospel message, but it also served as a powerful symbol of the importance of effective communication. Evangelization can only happen when you're speaking in words a person is able, ready, and willing to hear.

Let's ask ourselves: what is the language we need to speak to share the truth with the person who is standing in front of us? Is it the language of quality time? The language of concern? The language of laughter and friendship? The language of authenticity, of plain talk and frankness?

The Holy Spirit gave the Apostles the ability to speak in tongues, and it seems miraculous when we read about it in the Gospels — but only consider that we all have this same ability, in a certain way. The Holy Spirit can and will show us how to speak the truth, if we only ask.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Saturday  
5:00 pm MDT (Summer Schedule)  
4:00 pm MST (Winter Schedule)

### Sunday

8:00 am (Spanish)

10:00 am

12:00 noon

Weekdays

9:00 am

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm MDT (Summer Schedule)

1:30 pm - 3:00 MST (Winter Schedule)

## Prayer List

Joyce and Nasaria Montoya, Aria McDonald, Ida Castillo, Carmela Benavidez, Jerry Chavez, Chris Conklin, Keri Moore, Noah and Jarred Peña, Rick Gonzales, Francine Romero, Margaret Klein, Phyllis Tabet, Muldrake Family, Mike Humpheries, Pat Sanchez, Sofia Armijo, Pearl Chavez, Josephine Arn, Danny and Hilda Abeyta, Valeria Ontiveros and family, Dale Weaver, Tina Archuleta, Kristi Peña, Anthony DeLeon, Michael Jones, J.D. and Hope Chavez, Steve Hay, Raymond Romero, Risa Caldwell, Fr. William McNichols, Deacon George Miller, Deacon Bert Dohle, Monsignor Flach, Pope Francis, Fr. Onwumelu, Archbishop Wester, Lorenza Flores, Monsignor Luna, all newly ordained Deacons, Pricy Saiz, Rosie Saiz, Natalia Duran, and Charlotte Apodaca.

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph on the Rio Grande is a member of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe and is in union with the Roman Catholic Church. We believe in and celebrate the presence of Christ in our world through Word and Sacrament. We strive to make Jesus known in the local community through ministries of faith, hospitality, liturgy, compassion and justice.

GET IN A STATE OF GRACE;  
PRAY EVERYDAY;  
STAY UNDER OUR LADY'S MANTLE

# LITURGICAL LIFE

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

### Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

#### First Reading

On Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and gave them the gift of speaking in multiple languages of the mighty acts of God accomplished in Jesus Christ. What gifts of the Spirit might you pray for today?

#### Second Reading

Paul speaks of believers in Christ as having the "Spirit of God" dwelling within them. How do you experience the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life?

#### Gospel Reading

The resurrected Jesus breathed on the disciples and gave the Holy Spirit to them to forgive or retain sins. How often do you partake in the sacrament of reconciliation?



## The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Celebrate Priest Appreciation Day.

June 5th is Priest Appreciation Day. Our parish has been blessed with having Monsignor Luna, Monsignor Flach, and Father McNichols, who said YES to their call to serve God's people. Tell them how much they are appreciated, then tell them again next Sunday and every Sunday throughout the year.

IMAGINE LIFE WITHOUT PRIESTS.  
WITHOUT THEM, THERE WOULD BE  
**NO** HOLY EUCHARIST. PRAY FOR  
VOCATIONS AND FOR OUR PRIESTS.

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MAY 21-22, 2022

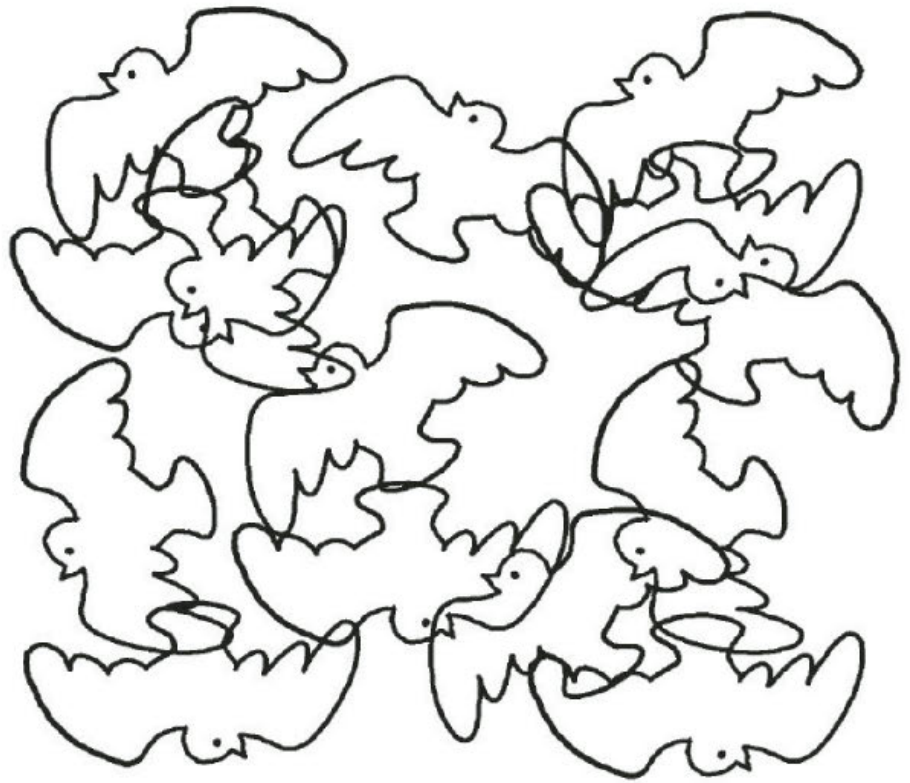
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# KIDS CORNER

## READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

How many spirits can you count?



THE ANSWER IS FOURTEEN

### SHARING THE GOSPEL

The disciples must have missed spending time with Jesus after he went back to heaven. But they knew that the Holy Spirit would always be with them, helping them remember what Jesus taught them. The disciples kept learning about God and kept growing closer to him. The Holy Spirit will help you remember Jesus, too.

### PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for sending the Holy Spirit.

### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Pray to the Holy Spirit. Ask him to help you learn more about Jesus.



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# PASSAGES



## We Need RCIA Team Members



Monsignor Thomas D. Flach, recently offered to coordinate St. Joseph on the Rio Grande Parish Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) needs volunteers to form a team to assist with the ministry of evangelization of the faith inquirers. If you are interested in serving in this ministry or would like more information, please call the Parish Office (505-839-7952) and leave a message with your name and telephone number and Monsignor Flach will return your call.

Dear St. Joseph, I entrust myself today to your loving care.

Be my protector and guide on this earthly pilgrimage.

Intercede for me that, like you, I may be truly devoted to Jesus and Mary.

Amen.

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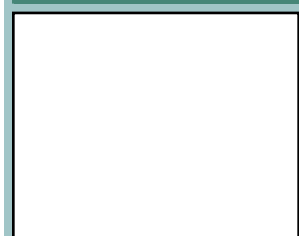
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